

City Reports



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PETE BUTTIGIEG, MAYOR

Dear Employees:

I am pleased to be involved in the efforts that place South Bend in the category of cities making eco-friendly and cost effective decisions for the benefit of our community and its residents.

Through funds secured from a federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, the South Bend Municipal Energy Office (SBMEO) has been able to retrofit city buildings with more energy efficient options to save energy and reduce costs.

The retrofit project involved lighting upgrades for buildings like the Charles Black Center, the Parks & Recreation Maintenance building, Fire Station #6, Central Services and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center.

In each of the buildings, old light fixtures were replaced with new technology. High bay induction lights were installed, which use half of the electricity of their High Pressure Sodium counterparts (200 watts down from 400 watts+ previously). These new lights provide much better quality light, offer a much longer service life (up to 20 years), and reduce energy consumption by 50%. Energy savings show up on the city's utility bills when these projects are complete.

The Martin Luther King Center saw a 20% reduction in energy use for the entire facility from these lighting upgrades alone. This equates to a \$200.00 per month savings on our electricity bill, a savings over 20 years of approximately \$48,000.

The Charles Black Center benefited from a 37% reduction over the previous month for a savings of \$76.00, which equates to about \$18,240 over 20 years.

Fire Station #6 had a reduction of 36% in overall energy use, which resulted in a savings of over \$450.00 last month. Over the next 20 years, the station will save approximately \$108,000 in energy costs.

The Park Maintenance facility saw an approximately 32% reduction in energy use, which equals a savings of \$525.00 for the past month. That amounts to a cost savings of around \$126,000 over 20 years.

Central Services installed higher efficiency fluorescent lights and is seeing significant savings as well.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant accounted for the creation of the SBMEO, the building retrofit project, a traffic synchronization project, work on our hydro-electric projects, a major building energy audit as well as our Strategic Energy Plan.

The environmentally conscious decisions we make

as a city will not only impact us locally, but globally as well, thereby reducing our carbon footprint. This falls right in sync with the Earth Day celebration this month, where the city is also participating in a tree give-a-way. Festivities will be held in Howard Park Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Like the South Bend Municipal Energy Office on Facebook: www.facebook.com/SB.EnergyOffice

Sincerely,

Mayor Pete

Lunch and Learn Morris Bistro 12:00-1:00pm

Earn points, get healthy eating ideas and recipes, and have something fantastic to eat at the Lunch and Learn. March 28 Chef Lisa, from LaSalle Grill, brought grilled Tilapia and eight different kinds of fresh salsa. They were all fabulous. She is great at giving ideas of basic cooking for tasty, easy meals. Log in to the Wellness site and register for April!

- 4/3 Smoking Cessation with Jill Sabo
- 4/11 Modern Greens with Chef Lisa
- 4/24 Unity Gardens with Sarah Stewart

Opening Day at the Cove



Join Mayor Pete April 9
Gates open at 6pm
A Flat Screen Winner Every Inning!
Call 235.9950



Women's Self-Defense

April 25 & 27, 6 pm - 8 pm
\$10.00 Per Person, Call SBPD, 235-9224

Citywide Anniversaries

April 2012

35 Years–1977

John Winnicki Park Dept

25 Years–1986

James Walsh Police Dept

James McIntire Police Dept

Philip Trent Police Dept

20 Years–1992

Daniel Demler, Jr. Police Dept

Wayne Boocher Police Dept

John Machowiak Central Services

John Hall, Jr. Police Dept

15 Years–1997

Bryan Kirkendoll Wastewater

Cynthia Simmons Water Works

Peggy Wright Admin & Finance

10 Years–2002

David Qualls, Jr. Park Dept

Deborah Mobley Code

Ed Curran Central Services

Bob Simmons Code

Keenan Lane Police Dept

Tomar Thomas Police Dept

5 Years–2007

Dan Meller Fire Dept

March of Dimes March for Babies



April 21 College Football Hall of Fame
For more information, contact 289-9519

Race for the Cure



April 28 Coveleski Stadium
registration 7 am, race at 9 am.
For more information call 289-7371

Civil Rights Heritage Center



“Them: Images of Separation”
Through April 14 10am - 7pm
1040 W Washington St
Call (574) 307-6135

Bike the Bend



May 20 6:30 am
Ride as much or as little as you want.
Register before April 28 to save \$5.
Call (574) 204-2458

Retirement and RIPEA

Last time I tried to explain how PERF works. We talked about an ANNUITY portion, which each of us pays (3% of our gross pay) into, and a DEFINED PENSION portion, that the City pays into at the rate of about 8.75% of your gross pay. When you retire after vesting (10 years of full time employment) there are a number of options on how you may claim these benefits. You can take the balance in your Annuity Savings Account (ASA) or you can add it to the DEFINED PENSION for an increased monthly distribution. There are also options that include or not include your spouse as recipient in the event that they would out live you.

All of these can be found on the PERF website www.in.gov/inprs. (INPRS stands for Indiana Public Employees Retirement System.) At the “PERF Member Login” on the top right hand side of the web page, you can create an account, check balances in your annuity, change investment options, etc. You can also estimate how much money you will receive under the various options available. I encourage you to look at these sites as you begin to plan for retirement.

The Retired Indiana Public Employees Association (RIPEA) is a “not-for-profit” organization whose mission is to **“offer programs, activities and services that improve the quality of life of its members, serve as facilitator of information to members and act as a medium of communication to the legislative and executive branches of government and PERF employers for the benefit of its members.”** Many of these programs and activities are similar to AARP offerings.

In RIPEA’s role as a “medium of communication to the legislative and executive branches of State government”, legislators are asked to give “cost of living” increases to retirees. RIPEA has also requested a “13th check” (a one time bonus). In 2012, the “cost of living” increase was defeated. However, RIPEA was able to have “13th check” language included in HB 1123. The result is that public employees retired under PERF with an effective date of retirement of December 1, 2011 or earlier, will receive a bonus of up to \$450, depending on years of service, in either their September or October pension check. Changes to PERF only happen through the State Legislators passing bills, followed by the Governor’s signature. In the past, RIPEA has unsuccessfully asked legislators to reduce vesting from 10 to 8 years, reduce salary amount used to calculate pension levels from a 5 year average to a 3 year average, and increase the “multiplier” used in the formula to calculate pension amounts.

With a membership of over 38,000, legislators tend to listen to RIPEA representatives. 2012 is the 40th Anniversary of RIPEA, and a goal for this year is to increase membership to 40,000. At a \$12.00 annual membership, a lot is accomplished for their members. If you would like to join and support efforts to improve your pension, you can contact me at 5895 for an application or go online to www.ripea.org.

Please let me know if you have any questions. If I can’t answer them, I probably know someone who can.

submitted by **Jack Dillon** (Environmental Services)

Employees' Corner

Administration and Finance

Rahman Johnson has been appointed to the Alumni Selection Committee for the Frazier Thompson Scholarship Fund at the University of Notre Dame. The fund was established in 1997 to memorialize the first African American graduate at Notre Dame. Funding now comes from alumni donations. The Committee reviews highly competitive applications from under graduates and graduates.

Rahman also served on the Search Committee for the new South Bend School Corporation Superintendent last year. Good job, Rahman!

submitted by **John Murphy**

Engineering

Our condolences to Jennifer Corle, on the passing of her father, Robert W. Stewart, on February 12.

Environmental Services

Congratulations to Ryan and **Kim Cox** on the birth of their adorable Kaelyn Marie, born February 10, weighing 9lbs and was 21" long. She is VERY much loved by her big sister, Lexi!



Mayor's Office

Mike Cwidak-Kusbach joined the Mayor's team as a CED Specialist VI. He will be working on a wide range of projects, especially the 311 that is suppose to go into effect at the end of the year.



Street Department

Clement Stevens, Father in Law of **Peter Kaminski** passed away on March 1.

Ruth Estes, Mother of **Terri Swift**, passed away on March 3.

Jonathan Davis Sr., father of **Jonathan Davis**, passed away on March 13. And Jonathan's sister, Evelyn Marable, passed away on March 18.

Juventino Paredes, known as Mike, was a hard working devoted employee since 1985. He retired March 29. We'll miss Mike and we wish him the best in his retirement.

Water Works

Congratulations to **MaryAnn Gundlach** on the birth of her first great-granddaughter Isabella Marie Katlun. She was born on Valentine's day, weighing in at 7 lbs 7oz and was 19 1/2" long. The proud parents are Nicole and Casey Katlun.



A Great St. Patrick's Day Parade



A great city team

A fabulous day for a fun celebration



A big crowd came out for the parade and the greening of the river



Logan Center's float



Congressman Joe Donnelly

A Spectacular Kung Fu Night

Kung Fu Panda was the theme of the 12th Annual Mom/Son Dance. Orange and red balloon arches, red Asian lantern center pieces, black linen table clothes with red place mats all set the theme. The Palais Royale Ballroom was filled to capacity by moms and sons out for an evening on their own. The boys each received a Kung Fu Panda hat. A free photo was donated by CVS. Entertainment was provided by Paul Chamberlin, owner of "The Music Machine" D.J. service. Moms arrived in every thing from long formal gowns to khakis and boys from Karate uniforms to tuxedos. Some couples arrived by the family automobile, while others came in limousines! The refreshments were punch and cookies. As the music faded and the evening ended, each young man was handed a Kung Fu gift bag. Much credit and thanks goes to the park staff and volunteers for all their help and **Dennis Andres**, who made the location available. submitted by **Paula Garis**



ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE

FREE TENNIS LESSONS

@ WASHINGTON High School Tennis Courts
JUNE 11th THROUGH AUG. 10th MONDAY- THURSDAY
TWO SESSIONS: 1. 10:00AM- 11:30AM
2. 12:00PM- 1:30PM

FREE SWIMMING AND SWIMMING LESSONS

@ WASHINGTON High School Swimming Pool
JUNE 11th THROUGH AUG. 10th
FUN SWIM ON MONDAYS -THURSDAY 1-3pm
SPECIAL SWIMMING LESSONS
Friday 11-1pm

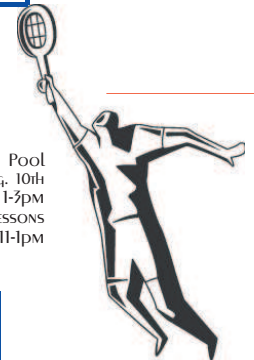
FREE YOUTH Basketball Program

@ WASHINGTON High School Auxiliary Gym
JUNE 11th THROUGH AUG. 10th
Week 1-2 GRADE 7-4
Weeks 3-5 GRADES 5-6
Weeks 6-9 GRADES 7-8
TIME 1pm-3pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Call 574-235-5858 EXT.2078
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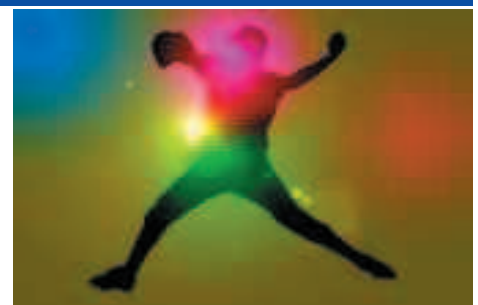
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A Look at Central Services

Those who came to CSI in February were given a tour of Central Services by Director, **Matt Chlebowski** and Equipment Services manager, **Jeff Hudak**. It was wonderful to learn all that is happening in this one, big department with many divisions. Here are some 2011 highlights:

Central Services' total budget is \$ 3,381,079. They licensed 178 taxi drivers, inspected and licensed 162 taxi vehicles and 10 taxi companies, and inspected 111 trash trucks for outside business.

849,125 Gallons of fuel were distributed from the city's 3 fueling sites. Outside Fuel Revenue: \$118,502 (Central Services loaner cars, Century Center, County Medics, DuComb Center, Housing Authority, MACOG, Memorial Hospital, Morris PAC, Real Services and Transpo)

Equipment Services purchases, maintains, and fuels a fleet of 1,077 pieces of equipment owned by the City. Fleet Availability was 98.0%.

Equipment Services has an in-house parts department that is staffed by a supervisor, 3 counter people, and a parts chaser. They have over 6,000 items in stock valued at approximately \$540,000.



new equipment

Central Services Division

Outside Parts & Labor Revenue \$150,587. Mechanics completed over 2,300 preventative maintenance services, which consists of a 70-point inspection.



working on the big trucks

Equipment services purchased 93 vehicles and assorted equipment, totaling \$4,176,058. They continued to focus on greening the fleet and received

the City's first all electric vehicle.

The THINK CAR was given to the City as a test vehicle.

Print Shop

2.64 million impressions, a 99.2% on-time job completion rate with an outside revenue of \$2,689.

Radio Shop

The City of South Bend utilizes 1123 mobile radios, 836 portable radios, and 175 mobile laptop computers.

One of their main responsibilities is the repair and maintenance of the 911 Dispatch Center radio consoles for South Bend Police, Fire, and EMS departments. Outside Revenue totalled \$20,927.



Al Miller soldering equipment



a Park Dept. Car fully loaded

Building Maintenance

Building Maintenance provides services to Central Services, Riverside Garage, and all 11 fire stations. They maintain fuel pumps at all 3 locations.

They perform preventive maintenance on HVAC systems, and Central Fire requires 86 filters alone. They maintain fire department equipment, such as axe and pole handles, and high pressure hose fittings. They burned 2,255 gallons of waste oil in their 250,000 BTU waste oil furnace saving \$1,610 in natural gas costs in the winter months of 2011.

They replaced "thirty" 4-foot T12 light fixtures with more efficient 4-foot T8 bulbs which saved \$29 a fixture totaling \$870 in energy savings cost per year.

Their maintenance team prepped city vehicles and equipment for the 2011 automotive auction. 192 hours were spent getting the vehicles running, stripping off decals, removing belongings left inside, making sure the vehicles all had keys, assigning numbers to them, and lining them into rows. The auctions' proceeds totaled \$75,883.

Because they have such a large operation they are able to stock parts and do work on vehicles from smaller cities and entities, which brings in enough revenue so that **the department pays for itself**. Great job, Central Services! You are an inspiration to us all.

submitted by **Jenny Hullinger** (Econ. Dev.)



The Fire Chief's Dispatch Center that pulls out from the back end



The Central Services crew



Mother's Day Brunch

The Palais Royale, South Bend's Premier Event Facility, is pleased to host its third annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, **May 13**. Moms can enjoy the historical charm of the elegant ballroom while spending time with family. A pianist will perform background music. Photographer Peter Ringenberg will be available to take family photos for a nominal cost.

The event will feature an outstanding buffet with herb prime rib and roasted turkey carving station, made to order omelets and French toast, traditional breakfast fare, stuffed chicken, seared salmon, salads, and Chef Tonya's decadent desserts—assorted cakes, fruit tartlets, mousses and pies. Non-alcoholic beverages are included. A full cash bar including top shelf liquor and specialty wines will be available at additional charge.

The price is \$29.95 for adults and \$14.95 for children 12 and under plus taxes and gratuity. For reservations, call the Morris Box Office at 574-235-9190. The Box Office is open regular hours Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A Little Name Dropping...

Welcome

January 2012

Gavin Ferlic City Council
Tim Scott..... City Council

Welcome

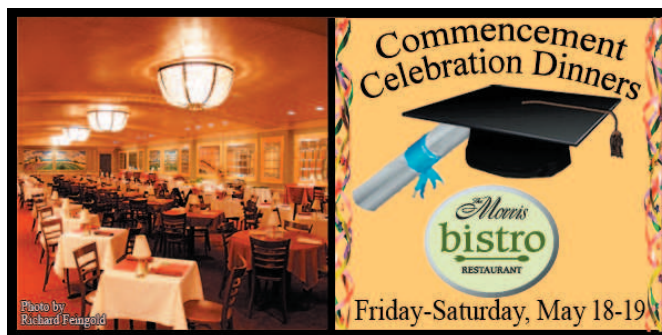
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Brian Black..... Equipment Services
Dawn Ebersole..... Police Department
Terron Leinen..... Solid Waste
Phillip Marek..... Parks Department

Resignations

February 2012

Josephine Merriweather..... Parks (2 yrs 8 mos)



Change of Pace

February 2012

Kyle Briney Street from Equipment Operator II to Heavy Equipment Operator I
Stephen Cox..... Fire from Assistant Chief/EMS to Fire Chief
Derek Demske..... Street from Equipment Operator III to Heavy Equipment Operator I
Neal Emerick Wastewater from Maintenance Repair II to Maintenance Repair III
Tony French..... Street from Equipment Operator II to Heavy Equipment Operator I
Andrew Myer..... Fire from Captain to Assistant Chief/EMS
Robert Nichols..... Engineering from Engineer II to Assistant City Engineer
Todd Skwarcan..... Fire from Captain to Assistant Chief/Services
Jeffrey Thompson Parks from Arborist I to Arborist II

Retirements

February 2012

Howard Buchanan II Fire (38 yrs 2 mos dedicated service)
Charles Gardner Police (21 yrs 6 mos dedicated service)
Mark Nowicki..... Fire (32 yrs 2 mos dedicated service)
Bruce Smith Water Works (47 yrs 10 mos dedicated service)



For more information on the following events contact:

CENTURY CENTER 9711
 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 5715
 S.B. REGIONAL MUSEUM OF ART 9102
 MORRIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 9190
 PARKS/RECREATION DEPARTMENT 299-4765
 NOTRE DAME 631-5031
 ST. PATRICK'S COUNTY PARK 288-3472
 NO. INDIANA CENTER FOR HISTORY 235-9664
 ST. JOE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS 291-4870

Century Center

- 4/7 Michiana Fight League – Fight Night
 - 4/8 Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church Easter Program
 - 4/9 The Acting Ensemble presents “Stage Works”
 - 4/13-14 River Bend Film Festival
 - 4/14-15 Got Talent Showcase JRP International Auditions
 - 4/14-15 Great Lakes Area Enthusiasts Cat Show
 - 4/19-22 The Acting Ensemble – “Red”
 - 4/25 Lecture: The Teen Brain, Barbara Strauch
 - 4/26 Great Friends of Schools Luncheon, SB Education Foundation
 - 4/26 St. Vincent DePaul Legacy Dinner
 - 4/27-28 Indiana State Taekwondo Tourney
- for more info: www.centurycenter.org or call 235-9711

The Morris Performing Arts Center

- 4/14 John Prine, Country Music
- 4/18 Daniel Tosh (Tosh.O) Comedy
- 4/19 TYGA with guests, YG, Lil’ Twist and Honey Cocaine, Hip Hop
- 4/20-22 Blue Man Group Broadway Theater League
- 4/24-25 Sesame Street Live
- 4/26 Red Green “Live” the Wit & Wisdom Tour
- 5/5 MasterWorks IV – “The Toradze Studio”, South Bend Symphony Orchestra
- 5/11 An Intimate Evening with Trace Adkins, Country Music



5K Fun Run April 29, 1:30pm In honor of the late Jeff Jankowski

Jeff was a valued member of the Legal Department who passed away suddenly last year. He was a great father, active community volunteer, and all-around fantastic guy. Proceeds from the Fun Run will benefit the Center for the Homeless, where Jeff frequently volunteered his time. Join us Sunday, April 29, commencing at St. Joseph’s Grade School, and ending at Howard Park. Call 574.383.9022 for more information. www.facebook.com/southbendparks www.JJ5K.com

submitted by **Mark Bradley** (Park)

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If you have anything you would like to put into the paper, either contact your reporter (above), or you can fax it (235-9171) or send a typed or neatly printed copy to **Marcia Qualls (Engineering) or Mary Beth Wisniewski** (City Clerk) Please do not send anything without a name and phone number in case we have questions.

Friends of the St. Joe River

17th Annual River Cleanup, Saturday, **April 14**

9:00am - 1:00pm Dress appropriately. Check-in station at Leeper Park near bridge to island. Every volunteer will receive a community service certificate. For more information, contact Mike Hay, 271-0973 www.fotsjr.org

Fiesta Cinco De Mayo

May 5 at Howard Park 10am - 7pm
 Mexican Cuisine, Live Music
 Enjoy Indiana’s Longest Taco, Charros
 Mariachis and Family Games
 Call 574.340.6959



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